

# Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation

## Current Situation Report for February 21, 2018

Delaware Agricultural Statistics 490,000 acres in Farms (39% of State Land Area)		
Agricultural Preservation Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	1,161	1,405
Pending	12	12
Farm Terminations	90	18,218
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,173</b>	<b>1,327</b>

Kent County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	548	649
Pending	7	7
Farm Terminations	31	5,592
<b>Totals</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>89,549</b>

New Castle County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	110	125
Pending	0	0
Farm Terminations	7	2,896
<b>Totals</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>118</b>

Sussex County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	503	631
Pending	5	5
Farm Terminations	52	9,730
<b>Totals</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>584</b>

Agricultural Easements			
	Farms	Acres	Cost
Settlements Final	836	119,051	\$211,415,139
Pending Round 21	21	2,207	\$3,205,249
<b>Totals</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>121,258</b>	<b>\$214,620,388</b>

Averages of Easements			
No. Easements	All 857	Last 5yrs- 168	Last 3yrs- 62
*Discount	*57%	*67%	*73%
Farm Size	141 Acres	98 Acres	100 Acres
Payment Landowner	\$250,210	\$163,724	\$131,715
Cost Per Acre	\$1,770	\$1,670	\$1,311

Agricultural Easements by County			
County	Farms	Acres	Cost
Kent	429	63,625	\$93,328,656
NewCastle	94	13,808	\$34,772,911
Sussex	334	43,825	\$86,518,821
<b>Total</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>121,258</b>	<b>\$214,620,388</b>

Easement Land Use		
Type	Acres	%
Cropland	75,999	63
Forestland	33,295	27
Wetland/Other	11,964	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>121,258</b>	<b>100</b>

\*Note: Avg. % includes County Funds

### Source of Funds 858 Easements

\* State Funds- \$149,292,575  
 \* USDA Funds- \$ 50,432,862  
 \* County Funds- \$ 11,921,326  
 \* ISTEA Funds- \$ 1,250,000  
 \* Other Funds- \$ 1,723,625  
**\*Est. Total Funds \$ 214,620,388**  
**\*Landowner Disco \$ 289,881,336**  
**\*Est. Total Value \$ 504,501,724**  
 \*Est. Closing Costs \$4,775,000

Total Number of Properties – Eligible for Round 22			Total Number of Properties Appraised in Round 22		District Applications Received in 2018	
County	Farms	Acres	#	Acres	#	Acres
Kent	145	15,413	81	7,350	1	59
New Castle	16	2,895	8	1,660	0	0
Sussex	170	18,905	92	9,360	4	297
<b>Totals</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>37,213</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>18,370</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>356</b>

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**Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation**  
**Forestland Current Situation Report**  
**As of February 21, 2018**

Forestland Preservation Areas		
	Forestland Areas Acres	Acres
Approved	37	2,918
Pending	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2,918</b>
<b>Not in Easement</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>625</b>

New Castle County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	1	43
Pending	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>

Kent County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	16	961
Pending	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>961</b>

Sussex County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	20	1,914
Pending	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,914</b>

Forestland Preservation Areas			
County	Properties	Acres	Easement Value
Kent	5	427	\$617,277
Sussex	4	445	\$833,527
Donated	2	56	
<b>Settlements Final</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>\$1,450,804</b>
<b>Farmland Easement</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,365</b>	

**Source of Funds 9 Easements**

State -	\$ 1,038,401
Nature Conservancy-	\$ 412,403
Total of Costs	\$ 1,450,804
Landowner Discount-	\$ 2,808,680
<b>Grand Total Value</b>	<b>\$ 4,259,484</b>
Settlement Costs	\$ 49,717

**Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Programs Grand Totals of all Easements**

Programs	Properties	Acres	Easement Value
Forestland Preservation Area Easements	11	928	\$1,450,804
Farmland Preservation Easements	857	121,258	\$214,620,388
<b>Total of Forestland &amp; Farmland Easements</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>122,186</b>	<b>\$216,071,192</b>
Total of Forestland & Farmland Landowner Discount			\$292,690,016
<b>Grand Total Value</b>			<b>\$508,761,208</b>

**Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Young Farmers Loan Program**

Settled Loans	Total Acres w/o Residential			Appraised Easement Value	Announced Farmer Loan Amount	Actual Farmer Loan
32	2,497	Acres 1928 557 12	Type Cropland Forest Other	\$11,203,996	\$7,842,777	\$7,289,337
# Prequalification Applications Received	# Approved	# Waiting for Review		# Denied or No Longer Qualify	Settlement Costs Total Cost	\$180,058 \$7,469,395
105	95	0		10	Young Farmer Loan Applications: Round 6 – 1 loan to settle totaling 20 acres Round 7 – 1 loan approved totaling 120 acres	